Dismantling Democracies: CIA & US Far-Right Wing (GOP & DEM) Policy - Part 2 of 3

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The focus is on specific covert and overt activities of U.S. intelligence agencies and their surrogates: the instruction in torture techniques to Salvadoran army troops by U.S. Green Berets; the attempted coup in the Seychelles Islands; the Argentine torture squads; the South African wars in Angola and Namibia; the attempted Klan coup in Dominica; and attempts to destabilize the Mozambique government -- all of which are reported in Louis Wolf's "Covert Action Information Bulletin", which the U.S. government would like to put out of business. We also discuss how CIA "disinformation" tactics manipulate public opinion by planting stories in the press and by financing and supporting right-wing newspapers.

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although this program was made in 1982 the information contained in it was never presented on the regular media it was in fact the new york times in a story in january who disclosed the first part of the story which was that the green berets eight of them were present during a torture session and the member of the salvadoran army who talked about this who is now deserted and who was living in mexico he was somewhat intimidated i guess by talking to the new york times and he's later revealed to the to mexican media and that's the transcript in this store in this article that the special forces and i should say the u.s special forces was created originally by the cia the special forces were actually involved in the torture as opposed to standing by observing it the training facilities for torture for interrogation techniques were in san antonio texas at one time it troubles me not obviously because i was once part of all this but also just as an american citizen to realize that this country is indulging in activities that are just as cruel and just as as depraved in some cases and almost as extensive as what for example the the gestapo indulged in in germany we haven't liquidated five million jews but eight hundred thousand minimum figure people killed in terrorist circumstances in the third world is a lot of people dead former cia official john stockwell and co-editor of covert action information bulletin lewis wolf tonight on alternative views

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tonight on part two of covert action part two of a three-part series we again feature lewis wolff editor of covert action information bulletin and john stockwell former cia official and author of in search of enemies and red sunset we'll take you on a tour of covert intelligence activity around the world some by the c i a some by other countries and even an attempted coup by the ku klux klan now some news we have something on the fbi it seemed like they're trying to climb back in our bedrooms and telephones and everywhere else all of our organizations that we have back in april 28th there was the upi story which quoted the fbi director william webster saying folks we have some new fbi guidelines and that means we're going to be able to go into the political spying business again he says don't worry about it our agents only will be doing it if we think that a crime is going to be committed there were some pretty uh stringent uh guidelines laid down on the fbi back during the ford administration as a result of the

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result of the revelations of the cointelpro program from 1957 to 1951 and 71. amazingly enough i gave a presentation to the college classes the college graduate students they didn't know what the cointelpro program was i thought my god is our memory that short so to let you know what cointelpro was through j edgar hoover's program to infiltrate dislocate disrupt any lawful political organizations which j edgar hoover didn't like they had wiretaps bugs surreptitious mail openings break-ins they sent anonymous letters and all to break up marriages they disrupted meetings ostracized people from their professions got people fired from their jobs they provoked target groups into rivalries that could result in death they dynamited publishing places of the dissident press organizations and our from our program on the clan we found out that the clan had organized over 40 chapters of the clan in north carolina alone back in the 60s anyway it was a terrible terrible thing and but they're wanting to do it again but supposedly more gently but in the june 83 edition of the inquiry magazine the libertarian magazine matt hentoff says watch out folks the interpretation which william webster gives on what they can do is much more broad than even tail gunner joe mccarthy had in his heyday and the new guidelines give to the agents to let them go on their feelings as to what uh may advocate only advocate what they consider to be criminal activity and that could be most anything and as the as the article ends it says if keeping tabs on mere public advocacy is an authorized law informant activity law enforcement activity in the domestic

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law enforcement activity in the domestic security field then between what the fbi hears from soap soapboxes and informants and learns from collectively signs assigned ads and letters to newspaper editors folks get ready for another cointelpro program as an example of the sort of thing that the fbi has been doing over the last several decades in the subversive groups that they've been infiltrating and harassing one case is the

national lawyers guild they've recently put a multi-million dollar lawsuit through the courts claiming that the fbi has been illegally harassing them surveilling them infiltrating their group since the 1940s and during this lawsuit a document came out that revealed that an fbi informer within the national lawyers guild bar association has every year been leaking to the fbi a list of all of the names of the members of the national lawyers guild that the fbi has put into its files to keep information on and to surveil and they've also the national lawyers guild has uncovered over four hundred thousand pages of documents that the fbi had amassed on them that are in fbi files showing the depth of the surveillance of the fbi on the national lawyers guild and they claim that another three million pages of documents have also been amassed by the fbi that the fbi has refused so far to release but that freedom of information suits are trying to get opened up and disclosed so here's an example of the kinds of groups that the fbi claim you have to have to keep their eye on the national lawyers guild this very subversive organization of liberal lawyers there's in this article in inquiry it says that not only will the new guidelines allow the fbi to continue investigations into organizations but it

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investigations into organizations but it can do it even when an organization is inactive like if the international workers of the world the old iw wobblies if they wanted to get organized again the fbi would be there be one of the first ones to join up to to continue their surveillance of them even if there is no immediate harm there's a guideline even if there is no immediate harm from the organization and there's another thing that is continuing to that we still have which their media don't talk about and that is the concentration camps in the united states we have concentration camps i think what there are six or eight of them around the country that are caretaker status and anytime the president says there is a national emergency the fbi trots out its files and says okay we'll put these people in these concentration camps that's on the law and they're just ready and waiting i have one final piece of data on this national lawyer's guild suit and that is the fbi itself has confirmed that at least 13 guild members were undercover fbi agents and 102 more were paid informants this shows the extent which the fbi has infiltrated even liberal groups like the f the national lawyers guild and has also subverted or corrupted their members by making them paid informants of the fbi so this just shows you that any group can be infiltrated and surveilled by the fbi and on these lists of people to be put in concentration camps in the event of so-called national emergency are people like a good friend john duncan i imagine from the civil liberties union civil liberties union folks are on the fbi's list people like oh jane fonda dr spock dear dr spock is on the list so we might have pretty good time that concentration camp don't you expect that we'll be there yeah i was a member of sds back in the 60s and i'll tell you what there never was a more boring organization i went to about two meetings and they sat around

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meetings and they sat around argued about semantics and this and that and finally this one rattling guy had real frizzy hair and just kind of a crazy dude he was advocating taking over mcdonald's taking over this taking over that one of the meetings he finally talked us in we went down and occupied the mcdonald's and after after a while i got to thinking boy this is pretty stupid and i'd always been an advocate of freedom of milkshake so i ended up buying a strawberry milkshake and going home and that was the extent of my involvement with sds but i'm sure it's in a file somewhere and that guy who that who provoked everybody doing it more than likely was an fbi agent it was obvious because he was so blatant about it they found that in previous programs we've had on civil liberties they found that the fellow who triggered the chicago riot by skinning up climbing up the uh um oh not a ladder what do you call those things in the parks where the pigeons anyway this guy climbed up on the statue and and fluttered a vietcong flag up there and that triggered the police then another another person went up and slapped a policeman in the face both of these guys even though they had beards and long hair were both police undercover people and they were provocative agents and other people i've talked to said their organizations had these provocateurs in them who turned out to be fbi agents what else you got craig well let me see i clipped the little thing out of the paper i think it was the awesome paper i neglected the market careless me this is a direct quote i wonder if

you could guess who said this i quote every gun that is made every warship launched every rocket fired signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed those who are cold and are not clothed this world in arms is not spending money

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this world in arms is not spending money alone it is spending the sweat of its laborers the genius of its scientists the hopes of its children this is not a way of life at all in any true sense under the cloud of war it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron you guys have any idea who said that he also said as part of that every warship launched every gun that is fired every bomb that is dropped represents a theft a theft from those people who are hungry and don't have enough clothes and don't have work you obviously know who it is who do you think stokely carmichael no that was dwight david eisenhower that's aversive president we had yes indeed and he was a republican i may note and the commander of allied forces in europe during the war so you might think he would know something about that and now the second in a three-part series on covert action with john stockwell and louis wolf john there has been over the last few years also a small handful of journalists who have been sort of cia watchdogs most prominent of which has been lewis wolff we have an interview with him maybe you can to introduce this interview tell us a little bit about lewis wolff and his journalistic publications who is lewis and what has he been doing over the years and why is the government so outraged by him well his background is is it's thoroughly uh legitimate standard if you will journalism he was assigned for a couple of years in manchester writing for a couple of prominent news organizations manchester england yes uh manchester england and eventually made his way through london back to the united states where he gravitated to a scrutiny of the cia and the intelligence community watching the revelations of the church

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watching the revelations of the church committee information that he had come across in his research some of which he had published as part of news stories previously other parts of which he was not permitted to publish by the nature of the press establishment and so he uh put together with bill schapp and ellen ray the covert action information bulletin whose function was to focus on the intelligence organizations of the united states and discuss and expose in a perfectly legitimate way the covert action activities of the cia principally as well as the other uh intelligence organizations i believe they formed that in about 1976 and have been in washington since publishing stories of true stories their quality their standards of journalism are exceedingly high that bulletin is distributed in the state department and it sold out the first morning that it's put on the stands in the state department newsstands they also publish in that bulletin the names of ci agents and where they are now as they're assigned and reassigned about the world i believe that in very recent months they have ceased the policy of publishing names because the controversy is so hot and they would just assume and and also it's never been their intention to break the law they've made that clear from the outset bill shap is the brother he is a a highly competent attorney and is the brother of a top sports caster in new york city he is a very articulate man himself and has testified to the senate many times against the names of agents bill for example and and uh defending what he and lou wilford doing and uh after his testimony many times senators have come up and shaken his hand and said i disagree with you but you certainly make your case for the legitimacy of what you're doing very

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legitimacy of what you're doing very well let's let's yeah let's take a look at some of the things which lewis wolf had to say and we'll let you comment every so often on greatness okay what in the years that you've been publishing it you think are some of your most significant revelations are there some stories that even shocked you well i think one of the big stories that we were able to document in some detail was the the whole scope of cia activities similar to what the cia did in chile and which was documented by the senate select committee was the whole covert action program in jamaica in between 1976 and 1980 and we were we did a great deal of research into that and we discovered many in many ways a very similar program

almost a classic model that was followed along the lines of what they did in chile including three major categories military paramilitary activity the use of propaganda in the in the media and the third one which was economic warfare using the multilateral organizations the international monetary fund and others to withhold loans which had been promised to the jamaican government this is one example what are a couple more of the details of that you particularly mentioned those first two examples of actual paramilitary activity well cia was involved in in jamaica there was a fire for example that took place in jamaica of an old people's home i think 150 old and infirmed women many of them blind were living in this home and as it turned out the place burned down in the space of about eight minutes seven or eight minutes it was discovered that the foam wires had been cut and that the exits had all been blocked even those who could see their way out could not get out

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could not get out and that the means by which the fire was set was the use of a petroleum jelly which was unavailable in jamaica this was one indication among others that there was outside help why would this why would the cia you might ask why would the cia want to murder 150 old women it was because it was an effort part of a very large-scale effort to discredit the government in jamaica which was at the time headed by michael manley the prime minister there were images produced of michael manley in the media in the daily gleaner which was the newspaper which the united states through the cia helped to support and there is a good deal of evidence of that there were images of michael manley showing a death mask i mean it was his face which had been somehow made to look like a death mask although it was pretending to be a photograph of him um and there were many ways to try and discredit him this is very very similar in fact to what the cia did to try and discredit salvador allende in chile if you remember richard nixon instructed the cia in a meeting which was in 1970 in the white house and there was a document in the senate report which is reprinted and he said make the economy scream those were his words and that's of course what the cia proceeded to do in chile and that's what they also did in jamaica they also furnished a lot of munitions and assistance to the terrorist squads that were going around killing people in the in the cities and also in the countryside in jamaica as well that's correct well john you had a trip down to jamaica and you saw a lot of these things about jamaica with your own eyes right yes indeed a very moving a very interesting trip to me to see a target country

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to see a target country at a time in the height of a ci operation when i was completely outside so there's no way that i could see to see the problem that journalists have always had when the us government was targeting on a country in a situation trying to destabilize it overthrow or manipulate the elections or whatever of trying to figure out what's going on when you don't have access to all of the flow of cables and the discussions and national security council meetings and whatnot for the planning i observed that from published information the cia station there was quite large for that size of the country it was huge in fact it was bigger than any station i knew of in africa although jamaica was a fairly small island with 2 million people that's typical of when the ci is got a big operation going in a place they beef up the station and beef up the offices back stateside the tone and flow of articles in the gleaner what it was of course as loose says definitely a chapter out of chile or a chapter out of the angular operation every indication of a massive ci operation going to destabilize the government to make the economy scream and uh in that case i would say that probably someone got promoted for that one probably several people because manly was run out of what does it work yeah without without a scandal without an assassination without uh the things that have caused the cia so much grief uh manly a champion of of social democracy of of giving the people a piece of the pie was thrown out of office and an arch capitalist was put in office and and again there was uh minimal adverse publicity

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uh minimal adverse publicity lou wolf and the others were studying the situation and did publish about what was going on but it was not published in the new york times in the washington post and the big the big television networks didn't do studies on it primarily because even if the journalists of the big organs knew what was happening and might have wanted to they really just because of the secrecy couldn't get the truth about what the united states was doing one interesting thing was that the effectiveness of the lies the liars in our government you know the duplicity when we formed the cia we committed our leaders to having two policies as loose as the rhetoric the public statements and the truth about what united states policy is so an interesting measure of of presidents is how effectively they lie interesting discussions that occur inside the cia is about lying would would you lie you know you're the ddo and you're going to testify to the senate in serious discussions are you going to lie because if you do it's perjury and there's a chance you could go to jail and yet you know the organization expects you to lie president carter was one of the most effective liars i have ever watched on television and through the media as a poker player meant i would never go up against that man he could look at that camera and say things that obviously he knew were completely and totally false and i would study his expression and i could detect nothing except occasionally a little wisp of a smile that wasn't consistent with what he was saying like he thought it was funny but one of his more classic tech actually well the the the smile that i was referring to wasn't that it was just a kind of like he was repressing a grin

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kind of like he was repressing a grin like he thought it was funny how he rationalized these things i don't know but one of his most uh of conspicuous lies was when he sat down with manly just a few weeks before the elections in washington and told him face to face that the ci don't have the cia doing anything to destabilize you or your government we have no such program going when obviously he did and uh he pulled it off to the point where even manly was troubled very effective lie another major story that we we uncovered was the whole range of uh cia media operations throughout the world we did an analysis of these operations and the use of money very large scale money is thought between one third and and forty percent of the cia's budget and i should say that that budget figure is the biggest secret that there is in washington today at that time it was estimated that the 1978 budget was in the range of one and a half billion dollars a more recent estimate by a military journal not a liberal journal by any means estimated that the cia's budget today is in the range of 10 billion dollars at any rate this analysis that we made of the cia's media operations disclosed among other things that they deliver through cia couriers ready to print or ready to broadcast news and i put that in inverted commas which is used by the media and this is created by the cia how often does the cia manipulate the media in this way plant stories get their views in the media is this fairly common as a modus operandi for the cia it goes beyond your in the

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goes beyond your in the in the course of the past 30 years it goes beyond your wildest imagination the extent to which the ci has gone to manipulate public opinion if you include the mh chaos program which was a billion dollar program of setting up proprietary companies setting up student organizations so they could draw radical students in and do every kind of of duplicious manipulation of of national student movements press propaganda labor extensive formation of labor unions funding of major labor unions with the objective essentially of manipulating the mind and attitudes of workers throughout the nation and the world this was the essential tool that they used to destabilize chile and overthrow allende was of course making the economy scream getting to the military officers but it was essentially the truckers union that finally brought the country down and justified quote justified pinochet's chase takeover of power thousand university professors they've co-opted this is church committee revelations i'm not making this up it's in print church committee's revelations five thousand university professors co-opted to help the cia manipulate people's minds 400 journalists in the u.s including big name journalists now that's a big chunk of the prominent journalist co-opted to function routinely to put help the ci put out the stories and biases to the world there are a whole range of of areas wherein the cia provides briefings to selected journalists and there are numerous

cases where the cia has for example published books and several thousand books were published in english by uh by the cia and this is documented in the church committee report they set up 250 new services and wire services some of which not all but some of which

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some of which not all but some of which are still in the pocket of the cia and i think it's only fair to to say that even some journalists who don't realize there are some who are winning but there are also some who do not realize that they're being targeted by the cia when they come home from a trip overseas they might talk to somebody and they don't realize at least right away who they're talking to and then it turns out that they've been the source of information which was used by the cia and then specific operations around the world from corner to corner to discredit this individual create an impression about that situation such as el salvador the famous white papers in the angolan operation which i i note were you know back in the back in the good old days we did a better job our our white papers in the angolan operation were based on very specific photographs and heart information of soviet ships putting into puerto ambrim and angola the white paper that the cia produced for alexander haig to justify the intervention in el salvador was a piece of trash it was discredited by the right and the left and the center it didn't hold together i should point for example to the the stories that came out during the angola operation where it was discovered that the cia is involved in a massive covert operation which the congress cut off when they learned about it there were certainly a small handful really a tiny handful you could count them on the fingers of one hand of the members of congress who knew about that operation and the scale of it beforehand and then they cut it off well one of the revelations at the time that came out was that the cia had created a story that was planted in the media that the cubans who were in angola at the time

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cubans who were in angola at the time were raping angolan women and that they were really doing very very gross things to these women and killing them well it was disclosed in fact by john stockwell among other people who was the former cia station chief or in charge of the cia's task force in angola that that whole story was created by the cia station in in zambia uh and in in zaire where they sat around a table and wrote this story and then it was fed to a a stringer who then fed it to a new service who then got it to the ap associated press who then picked it up and was sent around the world and was printed in hundreds of newspapers as fact but you can rest assured that it it is at least very difficult for the american people including us to know what is true about the sandinista government in nicaragua for example or about el salvador or about argentina and the falklands right now our former ally of a month ago is now our enemy in this confrontation in jamaica for example and then this this very uh specific uh the libyan hit squad the not the mythical libyan hit squad we had a situation where reagan and president reagan and president gadhafi were confronting each other internationally reagan ordered our ship into what libya claims as its waters with the specific intention of of either standing qaddafi down or provoking an incident and it worked he shot down two libyan jet fighter planes and then gaddafi was incensed and there was a credibility problem there was the president of the giant united states confronting this relatively small arab country i guess this leads us to your covert action information bulletin because

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action information bulletin because there's a story in here about the hit squads and it actually originated apparently with the israeli secret police the mossad it's a very interesting case study of how these propaganda operations can come about apparently since the israelis working as they have for many years very closely the the israeli secret intelligence service or mossad has worked very very closely with the cia and in fact the cia helped to set it up back in the in the mid 50s originally part of the story came from mossad that there were two people who apparently were either employed or were agents contract agents for mossad who fed some of this information to the u.s government i see and the u.s government was fully prepared to believe it they said that one of their witnesses or one of their sources had been polygraphed and had

checked out his information had checked out there was a story suggesting that it was reported by one of the networks that somebody had been offered a quarter of a million dollars for his information to the effect that there were hit squads and some of it originated as i said from mossad and some of it originated from cia fabrications jack anderson for example reported that some of the information that he had been given and reported in his column had turned out to have been cia fabrications it's important to remember that the israelis as much i guess as the us considers it a priority to discredit and to possibly destabilize or overthrow the libyan government and one method that they saw thought of i guess was to create a story that said that libya had sent death squads to assassinate president reagan and other high officials

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go ahead well only recently some of the same high officials who before were saying that there were that they had evidence that some of these hit squads had entered the country through canada are now on record and quoted in newsweek and other media saying that they never located a single person and a single single evidence that there was a hit squad and yet they say there is still a threat well i think it's fair to assume though there is not enough information yet to say but it's fair to assume that the cia was hoping through this to create a justification for further intervention in in libya possible military activity or economic boycott as our blockade as they've now proposed as has been proposed by the white house well let's take a look at some of the articles in the latest issue of the covert action information bulletin not only will it give you an idea of what the magazine is about it's sir oh my goodness over 50 pages but also it gives just this one issue gives a good example of the widespread operations not only of the cia it's not just restricted to the cia but mercenary activities around the world as well we've been following the sachel island attempted coup for ever since it started and we did a program john stockwell just recently where we mentioned that i noticed on page four you have an article that says shell beat back the mercenaries this is quite a complex operation which involves south africa and mercenaries and the french was the cia involved in that uh there's still a lot of information that will come out but it is known that the some of the activity i should say primarily the main source of the coup or attempted coup was south africa that south african intelligence

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that south african intelligence including one admitted former so-called former member of the south african intelligence corps who says that he quote unquote retired in order to go for a visit to the seychelles for his vacation and largely the the program was initiated by the by the south africans uh it does appear however that the united states which has had an ongoing interest in creating a base of operations in the indian ocean and the seychelles is is a very strategic area not just because of its it has no large natural resources as such but that it is a critical importance to to the us as a jumping point in in the indian ocean it looks like there are other aspects too that they're also trying to keep the government of mauritius from becoming a more progressive government there were some significant elections coming up plus there was something i didn't know at all and that was the fact that there is an island chain commodores which actually were taken over in a coup which was carried out by mercenaries yes uh that in that case it was largely french intelligence which was the source of that one there is some indication that the cia was involved though somewhat peripherally in that one so i can see where that could stimulate people like in the the group down in new orleans of missionary of missionaries boy they are in a way aren't they mercenaries that were going to take over dominica yes since they apparently the plot fell through for grenada and they've seen that it can't happen in comoros that they actually can take over an island government and run it the the case of the attempted coup in dominica is a very interesting one and here the u.s involvement is rather rather

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involvement is rather rather strong there was an attempt to build a force mainly made up of members of the ku klux klan together with some other former and active mercenaries who had long involvement in u.s special forces and army background and they at first their first idea was to invade grenada uh but then they realized that the grenadine government probably would be able to to offset their activities and and probably defeat

them and since their security forces are quite well organized there and so they changed their plan and and decided to go into dominica the former prime minister patrick john who was very very closely identified with south africa in fact he had helped to set up a monitoring station and also a base for the manufacture of long-range torpedoes which could be built with the help of south africa on in which he helped to set up and basically they had hoped and he had hoped that if they if the coup succeeded and he agreed with the klan people that uh if succeeded that he would give them rights to casinos to gambling operations to he would even give them several posts in his cabinet if he came back to power well of course needless to say it failed but see was there some dopes um some narcotics business exactly this is as there often is in these things this is on page 44 by the way we're getting a little bit ahead of you this is also covered in the same in the same yes this highlights a point though that we've made several times on this show how the cia will use anyone to carry through their objectives the ku klux klan mercenaries the mafia drug operations it's reasons like this that john stockwell thinks that the cia is

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stockwell thinks that the cia is completely corrupt an immoral operation not not to mention the 800 000 people have been killed through cia operations i think 800 000 is a very very conservative figure but yes that's that's uh correct uh there is clearly a trend today in the cia to to move more in the direction of contracting out some of the operations that it does not really want to get itself not that it doesn't want to get involved but doesn't want to get caught with his pants down doing it and so some of the more sensitive activities they're branching out and letting other either other intelligence services or other quote unquote private freelance types it looks like that they are developing a very significant alliance with the south africans and the argentinas once again these are both covered in this edition of the covert action information bulletin angola the pretoria's continuing war talks about the south african involvement there mozambique rebels exposed once again we find south africa involved in that and the cia in that case yeah and the cia and then we get to an article here about argentina activates international death squads and this article shows that these god wretched horrible people in involved in a tremendous amount of torture and maiming and killing of people in argentina are now like i say they're subcontracted and not only that but the u.s is trying to make a regional type of kind of a nato it's called saito which is a good state over saido sado but anyway with south africa taking care of the area in the indian ocean and africa and argentina taking care of central america and south america in fact argentina said they would be glad to come up and help with the el salvadorian folks right

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with the el salvadorian folks right that's correct argentina if there's a country in the world that has perfected the art of torture and the art of making people disappear it is argentina and thousands upon thousands of argentinians have have disappeared and i think that this article demonstrates and this was an article which we did a lot of research on and which was the result of a lot of press reports which came out in some of them in south africa itself of the fact that the sea that the argentinians had sent some of their more renowned and best-known torturers to south africa because they could no longer be active in argentina they were so well known so they sent them to south africa as part of the diplomatic corps in the argentine embassy they were special in torture yes go ahead it is unclear at this point whether they were advising the south africans who also know a good deal about how to torture people and how to how to make people die in prison as they have the highest rate of death of people in in their prisons whether in fact they're training each other is unclear but certainly they have a good deal of sharing and common interests involved we showed the movie on company business which you or sections of the movie on company business which you might remember this movie showed the complicity of the cia with torture all around the world as a matter of fact there are cia torture schools in the united states they bring people over here from various countries abroad police military teach them the very sophisticated ways of torture then they go back and operate on their own folks back home and just to make sure that everything goes right the cia then has their agents which go down and supervise they hold clinics they bring people off the streets and torture them i mean it sounds like something which

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i mean it sounds like something which you couldn't even think up out of a sick imagination but this is what goes on and the next article in your bulletin for march talks about the salvadorian deserter who disclosed the green beret torture role this was in the news just recently and it has actually the transcript and considerable summary of what actually went on when it showed the americans supervising and helping out and they tortured the first person to show that house be done this is a 14 year old boy and the next person brought in was a 13 year old girl of course after raping her then they let the el salvadorians try it and make sure they did it right it's it's a gruesome story and i think this is an example of something that the american people are being asked to overlook or to turn the blind eye to that is the brutality of the salvadoran government it is not a case of salvadoran of president duarte as quote-unquote a moderate person who's trying to stand up to the forces both from left and right which the new york times always says exactly it was in fact the new york times in a story in january who disclosed the first part of the story which was that the green berets eight of them were present during a torture session and it was a major story uh strangely it was such a major story but it was on page two of the new york times rather than on page one but it was a very big and important story i would say however that one of the reasons i guessed was that the the salvadoran the member of the salvadoran army who talked about this who is now deserted and was living in mexico he was somewhat intimidated i guess by talking to the new york times and he's later revealed to the to mexican media and that's the transcript in the store in this article that the special forces and i should say

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that the special forces and i should say the u s special forces was created originally by the cia the special forces were actually involved in the torture as opposed to standing by observing it they said they didn't rape the little girl though i mean there is some morality right louis how does this torture and all of these cia covert operations fit into american foreign policy as a whole you have a couple articles in your current journal about the role of the cia and these sorts of operations we're talking about within american foreign policy could you focus on that for a minute well i i guess it comes down to the the whole doctrine that the united states feels it has to keep its role in its fear of influence or spheres of influence and part of this is putting governments in power and part of it is keeping them in power now there are many governments with whom the united states has been closely identified around the country who cannot stay in power without massive repression and uh of course el salvador is one there are many others around the world in all the three continents uh argentina and south africa for two absolutely obviously uh south korea is another example and the philippines i think we have to understand though that what why would the united states do this is it simply to keep somebody who is a friend of the united states in power success of presidents and it's not just regan and it's not carter before him it's successor president since basically since the 50s since eisenhower have been working hand in glove and even have been on camera embracing successive dictators with whom we've been identified the most recent example if you remember

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the most recent example if you remember was the case of jimmy carter embracing the shah of iran a few months before he was overthrown on the steps of the white house i think it's because of the cia's involvement and in fact direction of much of these activities it's not that the cia is working on its own as some people suggest as a rogue elephant the cia works directly under the under the guidance and direction of the chief of state of the president and of course this president not only doesn't know but doesn't want to know every day what the cia is doing but the fact of the matter is that they that they're doing what the president asked them to do and the other thing i should just mention quickly is that the cia carries out these activities to keep the interests of the corporations u.s corporations who have great interests at stake for example in south africa and in all the other countries we've mentioned that's right the multinationals value stability above everything else plus the ability to operate there keep the economy low as far as wages and be able to take the riches out of the country and these right-wing dictatorships let them do that course there's a point which is reached that like in el salvador once it gets too far and the people really start not a revolution than the

multinationals suffer there and there is a certain level beyond which the u.s when it becomes publicly known as opposed to known in the country itself publicly known in the united states that the u.s is so closely identified with such a repressive regime as today in el salvador that it finally realizes it has to fish or cut bait it has to decide whether we continue to support this openly or whether we have to find other ways to support as for example argentina has now offered we understand directly to the united

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we understand directly to the united states to be a surrogate for the us in in el salvador also honduras is playing that role this is what's so chilling about this agent's identities information act that it will cover over the possibility of the media exposing the worst abuses of the cia which will mean the american people won't know what it's doing we'll have a secret government and we will therefore increase the power and the scope of operations of the cia whereas in the past when there has been media and public focus on cia operations and excesses there has been pressure to cut back on the cia i think however the most threatening part of this is the is the whole move towards greater and greater secrecy and so that the media will not even have the opportunity to report on this whole area it will be illegal almost for a journalist for one of the major media to write or to report about intelligence in many ways that will just be beyond the pale now this also ties in with the progress of senate bill one in the senate or the great grand center senate bill one which is designed to take away a lot of our civil liberties we're gradually becoming a police state really it looks like doesn't it well what can be done about it well i don't feel it's fair to be rhetorical about this i agree that there is a move and towards greater and greater secrecy and greater and greater uh or less and less accountability of the government to the people and there are of course a lot of people who are opposed to this including quite a few members of congress for example 29 members of congress signed a resolution challenging the right of the president to intervene in el salvador under the

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to intervene in el salvador under the war powers act he has no right to to do this and they're challenging his right and that's 29 members out of hundreds but it is a significant i think indication that there is even in the halls of congress opposition to his policies as well as in the country at large i mean the overwhelming majority are against reagan's policy in el salvador and i think the recent polls have shown that the foreign policy in general is not entirely accepted or is there is great doubt and great wonderment as to whether there's any continuity whether the policy is thought out whether it's based on realities or only the very anti-communist rhetoric of this administration there are also quite a few people high in the administration who have intelligence backgrounds and this is another indication that the that the intelligence is on the on the rise in in this administration lewis is the final question and to conclude what can the american people do against these worst excesses of the cia and indeed against the threats to all of our civil liberties involved in some of these bills that are being passed that will unleash the cia i think the biggest thing is that people can educate themselves as to what is going on to read their press and to demand to know what is going on from from the media to try and exercise their rights that is to let their congress their member of congress know that they don't accept whatever the policy may be even to demonstrate publicly if they're opposed to these activities i think most of all is to be to keep themselves informed and to speak out against it well thank you very much for and good luck and watch watch your way home there may

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and watch watch your way home there may be somebody following you well i i believe it's best to uh to speak out openly and uh and not be paranoid i'm just i'm not willing to resign myself to fear okay thank you and that is the second of our three-part series on covert action the cia and now we have a final word from doug here's some of the antics that the moral majority has been up to recently the head of their maryland chapter jim wright recently went to the amer the maryland state legislature and complained about some bakery that was selling gingerbread cookies of little boys and little girls whose anatomy was displayed in these cookies and predictably the cookie source sale soared after the moral majority attack on these cookies

and evidently the legislators are still laughing in maryland about that not quite as funny is the head of the moral majority in new york a reverend dan four was recently caught with his foot in the mouth in an interview with the new york times first of all he told the times that the jews have god given ability to make money they control the media they control the city when the jewish reporter who was interviewing him mentioned that jews had been subject to inquisitions throughout the centuries and that the anti-semitism the moral majority was feeding into this he said that the head of the moral majority said that well there was never any christian persecution of jews and the moral the reporter joe klein in the new york times reminded him of the spanish inquisition and its persecution of jews here's what the moral majority said well those weren't christians they were roman catholics strange distinction and then last but not least

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distinction and then last but not least the head of the santa clara county chapter of the moral majority opined to reporters that capital punishment would be in line with bible dictates and appropriate treatment for homosexuality now it's true that the moral majority has been criticized recently in the media and it's also argued that the kiss of death in a political election is moral majority support we've seen two elections recently in austin on housing discrimination for in the school board for the moral majority got heavily involved in this and the opponents were able to mobilize opposition to this moral majority attempt to legislate its morality and was able to defeat moral majority initiatives moreover the moral majority television programs are getting more and more in debt and i read in broadcasting that their viewing audience has gone down about 16 now you would think that the moral majority would be on the defensive and in retreat but in fact jerry falwell is exploiting these attacks on the moral majority to try to raise more money every month he sends out a new fundraising letter saying that they're about to go bankrupt and that they will be destroyed by their enemies unless you dig into your pockets and send the moral majorities to more money so there was a result of this whereas last year they were only able to raise two million dollars they've already in the last 12 months been able to raise 5.7 million dollars and i've been increasingly successful with these crisis campaigns to raise money and to play on the sympathies of their supporters that the moral majority is a beleaguered oppositional group that's been attacked by all these liberals and humanists etc so we're far from having heard the last of the moral majority unfortunately

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